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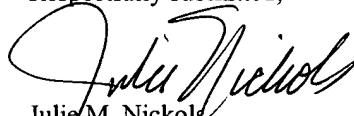
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document (Country Code – Number – Kind)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation Y/N
	B1	FR 2 730 159 – A1	08/09/1996	TEULE JEAN GERMAIN	N
	B2	EP 1 374 808 A1	01/02/2004	DePuy AcroMed, Inc.	Y

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